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SUBJECT: EXTRADITION -- GEORGE BROWN, GEORGE WRIGHT, JEAN
MCNAIR, MELVIN MCNAIR, AND JOYCE BURGESS.

THE FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF EVENTS RELATING TO HIJACK-
ING OF DELTA AIRLINES AIRCRAFT BY ABOVE-NAMED FUGITIVES.
THE SUMMARY WAS PREPARED BY CHARLES KURZ, FBI AGENT WHO
EXECUTED AFFIDAVIT ON POLITICAL CONNECTIONS:

SUMMARY: DELTA AIRLINES FLIGHT 84L EN ROUTE FROM DETROIT,
MICHIGAN, TO MIAMI, FLORIDA, ON JULY 31, 1972, WAS HI-
JACKED AT GUNPOINT OVER SAVANNAH, GEORGIA, BY THREE NEGRO
MALES AND TWO NEGRO FEMALES ACCOMPANIED BY THREE SMALL
CHILDREN. THE HIJACKERS DEMANDED \$1,000,000 RANSOM IN
RETURN FOR THE LIVES OF THE PASSENGERS AND CREW AND A
FLIGHT TO ALGERIA. THE AIRCRAFT LANDED AT MIAMI, FLORIDA,

WHERE \$1,000,000 RANSOM WAS PLACED ON BOARD AND ALL PASSEN-
GERS RELEASED. THE FLIGHT DEPARTED MIAMI, FLORIDA, FOR
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS, WHERE IT LANDED FOR REFUELING AND TO
PICK UP AN INTERNATIONAL NAVIGATOR. FLIGHT DEPARTED BOSTON
AND ARRIVED IN ALGIERS, ALGERIA, ON THE MORNING OF AUGUST 1,
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DETAILS: DELTA AIRLINES FLIGHT 841 DEPARTED DETROIT, MICHIGAN, 9:30 A.M., JULY 31, 1972, EN ROUTE TO MIAMI, FLORIDA, AND WAS HIJACKED AT GUNPOINT AROUND NOON OVER SAVANNAH, GEORGIA. THE HIJACKING WAS PERPETRATED BY THREE NEGRO MALES, GEORGE BROWN, GEORGE EDWARD WRIGHT, AND MELVIN MCNAIR, III AND TWO NEGRO FEMALES, JEAN CAROL ALLEN MCNAIR AND JOYCE TILLERSON BURGESS. JEAN MCNAIR WAS ACCOMPANIED BY HER TWO SMALL CHILDREN WHILE JOYCE BURGESS WAS ACCOMPANIED BY HER SMALL CHILD. THE HIJACKER, DRESSED AS A PRIEST, ACCOSTED THE PILOT NEAR THE FRONT GALLEY OF THE AIRCRAFT, POINTED A GUN AT HIM, FORCED HIM TO RETURN TO THE COCKPIT WHERE HE ANNOUNCED THE HIJACKING AND HIS DEMANDS. THE HIJACKERS, DURING CONVERSATION WITH THE CREW, INDICATED TO THE CREW THAT THE WEAPONS USED TO COMMANDEER THE PLANE WERE BROUGHT ON BOARD CONCEALED ON THE PERSONS OF THE SMALL CHILDREN AND IN THE BIBLE CARRIED BY GEORGE EDWARD WRIGHT AS PART OF HIS DISGUISE AS A PRIEST. THE CREW NOTICED AT LEAST TWO PISTOLS, INCLUDING AN AUTOMATIC AND A REVOLVER. ADDITIONALLY, ONE OF THE WOMEN WAS SEEN BY A MEMBER OF THE CREW TO UNWRAP A BANDAGE AROUND THE LEG OF ONE OF THE CHILDREN AND REMOVE A SHORT THREE-PRONG FORK.

AFTER COMMANDDEERING THE AIRCRAFT OVER SAVANNAH, THE HIJACKERS DEMANDED THAT THE PLANE CONTINUE ON TO MIAMI, FLORIDA, WHERE DELTA AIRLINES WAS TO OBTAIN \$1,000,000 AND PLACE IT ON BOARD IN EXCHANGE FOR THE LIVES OF THE PASSENGERS AND THE CREW. THE PASSENGER MANIFEST INDICATED THERE WERE 94 PASSENGERS AND A CREW OF SEVEN ABOARD THE AIRCRAFT AT THE TIME OF THE HIJACKING. THE HIJACKERS DEMANDED THAT ONCE THE \$1,000,000 IN RANSOM HAD BEEN OBTAINED THEY BE FLOWN TO ALGIERS, ALGERIA.

AFTER THE HIJACKED AIRCRAFT LANDED IN MIAMI AT 12:30 P.M., DELTA AIRLINES, FOLLOWING A SHORT DELAY AND THREATS BY THE HIJACKERS TO KILL THE PASSENGERS AND THROW THEIR BODIES ONTO THE RUNWAY, OBTAINED THE \$1,000,000 RANSOM AND PLACED IT ON BOARD. THE HIJACKERS THEN ALLOWED ALL THE PASSENGERS TO DEPLANE AND THE AIRCRAFT DEPARTED MIAMI AT 4:15 P.M., FOR BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS, WHERE IT WAS TO BE REFUELED AND TAKE ON AN INTERNATIONAL NAVIGATOR

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FOR THE FLIGHT TO ALGIERS, ALGERIA. AFTER THIS WAS ACCOMPLISHED, THE AIRCRAFT LEFT BOSTON AT 8:20 P.M., AND ARRIVED IN ALGIERS, ALGERIA, ABOUT ONE HOUR AFTER DAYLIGHT THE MORNING OF AUGUST 1, 1972. WHILE ENROUTE TO ALGERIA, ALL OF THE HIJACKERS SMOKED MARIJUANA CONTINUOUSLY.

ALL THREE OF THE NEGRO MALE HIJACKERS AT THE TIME OF HIJACKING THE AIRCRAFT WERE FUGITIVES. GEORGE EDWARD

WRIGHT, WHO WAS TRAVELING ABOARD THE AIRCRAFT DISGUISED AS A PRIEST UNDER THE NAME OF REVEREND L. BURGESS, HAD BEEN CONVICTED OF MURDER AND WAS SERVING A SENTENCE OF 15 TO 30 YEARS WHEN HE ESCAPED FROM THE NEW JERSEY STATE PRISON AT LEESBURG, NEW JERSEY, ON AUGUST 22, 1970. WRIGHT WAS CONVICTED OF MURDER AFTER A SERVICE STATION ATTENDANT DIED AS A RESULT OF BEING ASSAULTED, BEATEN, AND SHOT DURING THE COMMISSION OF THE ARMED HOLDUP BY WRIGHT AND ASSOCIATES. WRIGHT GAVE TWO STATEMENTS TO STATE AUTHORITIES ADMITTING HIS GUILT AND PARTICIPATION IN THE ROBBERY.

GEORGE BROWN, WHO ESCAPED WITH WRIGHT FROM THE NEW JERSEY STATE PRISON, HAD BEEN CONFINED THERE FOLLOWING HIS CONVICTION AND SENTENCING TO THREE TO FIVE YEARS FOR ARMED ROBBERY.

MELVIN MCNAIR, III HAS BEEN SOUGHT AS A DESERTER FROM THE UNITED STATES ARMY SINCE AUGUST 24, 1970, FOLLOWING HIS UNAUTHORIZED DEPARTURE FROM HIS ARMY UNIT AT FORT LEWIS,

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